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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number 09/866,088  
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First Named Inventor Jere F. Irwin  
Examiner Name Stephen J. Castellano  
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Attorney Docket No. IR3-023

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27	-20** = 7	9	63
5	-3** = 2	42	84
Multiple Dependent			

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	55
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
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1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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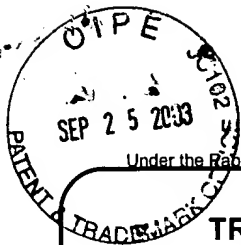
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- ☐ Express Abandonment Request
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Provisional Application
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Please amend Figures 7 and 10 as shown on the attached copies of Figures 7 and 10. The proposed changes are indicated in red on attached copies. Specifically, Figure 7 has been amended to add reference numeral "43", and Figure 10 has been amended to add reference numeral "85" to more distinctly identify features disclosed in such figures.

Please also enter the enclosed formal drawings in the above-referenced application in place of the originally filed drawings. The formal drawings incorporate the proposed changes. The changes were required by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003.

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Acknowledgment of receipt of the formal drawing sheets and their acceptance into the file is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: 2 Sheets of Redlined Drawings and 9 Sheets of Formal